1 PCO-32-16 2 THE CITY OF WARWICK 3 4 STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS 5 CHAPTER ARTICLE 6 7 APPENDIX A 8 **ZONING** 9 10 No..... Date..... 11 12 13 14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE 15 OF THE CITY OF WARWICK 16 WHIPPLE METCALF BARNS, LLC AND 17 SOUTHERN SKY RENEWABLE ENERGY, LLC, PETITIONERS 18 19 20 Be it ordained by the City of Warwick: 21 Section I. The Zoning Map and the Record Book of Lot Classifications which are a part of the 22 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick are hereby amended by changing the classification of 23 the following described premises from General Industrial as a "Lot not for Development" to 24 partially General Industrial with restrictions, conditions and stipulations and partially to General 25 Industrial as a "Lot not for Development". 26 27 28 Lot 146 on Assessor's Plat 278 as said plat appeared in the Tax Assessor's office on December 31, 2015 is hereby changed as 29 follows: 30 31 32 A. Parcel A, as shown on the attached plat entitled Kilvert Street Solar Park Proposed Conditions, from General Industrial as a "Lot not for 33 Development" to General Industrial to permit use under zoning *Use* 34 Code 608. Electric Power Plant, for solar generation of electric 35 power only, with a dimensional waiver from Warwick Zoning 36 Ordinance Section 504 for less-than-required wetland setback; and 37 subject to the following restrictions, conditions and stipulations set 38 forth below. 39 B. Parcel B, as shown on the attached plat entitled Kilvert Street Solar 40 Park Proposed Conditions, from General Industrial as a "Lot not for 41 Development" to General Industrial as a "Lot not for Development". 42 43 The Lot, which includes Parcel A and Parcel B, is set forth in the 44

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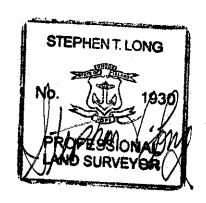
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# PETITION REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARWICK

| To the | e Hono | rable City Council of Warwick: Joseph K. Shekarchi, Esq.  |
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|        | Resp   | ectfully represent: Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC   |
| to the | who fo | urnishes the following information in connection with (his-her) request for an Amendmen<br>g Law.   |
| Amen   | dment  | to the Zoning Law:  |
|        | 1.     | Ownership of Premises:  Whipple Metcalf Barns, LLC  3675 S Rainbow Blvd, Suite 107-659  (Address)  Las Vegas, NV 89103  |
|        |        | (Furnish name of title owner of property and address of owner)  |
|        | 2.     | Description of Premises: Plat No. 278 Lot(s) No. 146  |
|        |        | Street Kilvert Street Ward 3-1  |
|        | (Furni | ish Assessor's Plat and Lot numbers and Name of Street and Ward Number)   |
|        | 3.     | Present Zoning Classification: General Industrial District (GI) "Lot not for Development"   |
|        | 4.     | Zoning Change Requested  General Industrial; proposed Lot A, with authorization for (Special Use Permit) Use Code 608. Electric Power Plant (limited to the solar generation of power), with a waiver Warwick Zoning Ordinance Section 504 for less than required wetland setback; and proposed Lot B, to be designated as a Lot Not For Development. |
|        | 5.     | Reasons for Proposed Change:  |
| -      |        | To construct and operate an electrical power plant limited to solar generation of power.  |
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| Zonin  |        | REFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Zoning Law be amended by changing the sification of the above described premises from   |
|        |        | Respectfully Submitted,   |
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|        |        | (Signature of Owner and Petitioner)   |
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## MARSH & LONG SURVEYING INC.



# LEGAL DESCRIPTION "LOT A"

That certain lot or parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, located on the southerly line of Kilvert Street in the City of Warwick, County of Kent, State of Rhode Island and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Kilvert Street at the northwest corner of the herein described parcel, said point being (789.88) feet easterly from the intersection of the easterly line of Metro Center Blvd.

Thence: Running southerly (243.31) feet:

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 146°20'00" and running southeasterly (160.90) feet; Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 215°43'51" and running southerly (738.71) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 209°48'36" and running southerly (129.99) feet to the northerly line of T,F. Green Airport Connector Road, also known as Rhode Island Highway Plat (RIHP) # 1220;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 90°00'00" and running easterly along said northerly line of T.F. Green Airport Connector Road (659.17) feet to a point opposite and (125.00) feet left of station 130+14.98 on said Rhode Island Highway Plat;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 75°23'09" and running northerly along the land now or formerly of Gustafson Ballard & Jones LLC (1,146.83) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 90°02'20" and running westerly (86.22) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 277°28'17" and running northerly (226.00) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 90°00'00" and running northwesterly (194.54) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 210°26'28" and running northwesterly (240.08) feet to the southerly line of Kilvert Street, the previous four courses running along the land now or formerly of Gore-Kev LLC;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 102°27'41" and running westerly along the southerly line of Kilvert Street (99.08) feet:

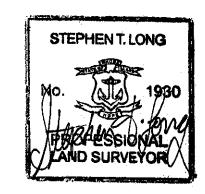
Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 203°06'38" and running westerly along the southerly line of Kilvert Street (501.15) feet to the point and place of beginning and forming an angle to the right of 89°12'57" with the first mentioned course and containing (23.16) acres of land more or less.

Meaning and intending to describe a portion of land shown on that plan entitled:

"WARWICK, RI EXISTING CONDITIONS PLAN PREPARED FOR PARE CORP. SURVEY OF AP 278 LOT 146 KILVERT STREET AIRPORT CONNECTOR ROAD ZONE GI MARCH 23, 2016 BYMARSH & LONG SURVEYING, INC. 450 GEO. WASH. HWY. SMITHFIELD, RI (401) 231-0900 "



## MARSH & LONG SURVEYING INC.



# LEGAL DESCRIPTION "LOT B"

That certain lot or parcel of land with all buildings and improvements thereon, located on the southerly line of Kilvert Street in the City of Warwick, County of Kent, State of Rhode Island and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of Kilvert Street at the northwest corner of the herein described parcel and the northeast corner of land now or formerly of Summit Ews LLC, said point being (425.25) feet easterly from the intersection of the easterly line of Metro Center Blvd.

Thence: Running southerly along said Summit Ews LLC land (948.37) feet to the northerly line of T,F. Green Airport Connector Road, also known as Rhode Island Highway Plat (RIHP) # 1220, said point also being opposite and (125.00) feet left of station 117+29.19 on said Rhode Island Highway Plat:

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 104°22'05" and running easterly along the northerly line of T,F. Green Airport Connector Road (225.72) feet to PC station 119+54.91 on said RIHP;

Thence: Turning a chord angle to the right of 182°36'30" and running easterly along the arc of a curve to the right (375.57) feet, said curve having a delta angle of 5°13'00", a radius of (4,125.00) feet and a chord distance of (375.44) feet;

Thence: Turning a chord angle to the right of 182°36'27" and running easterly along said T,F. Green Airport Connector Road (36.71) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 90°00'00" and running northerly (129.99) feet;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 150°11'24" and running northwesterly (738.71) feet;

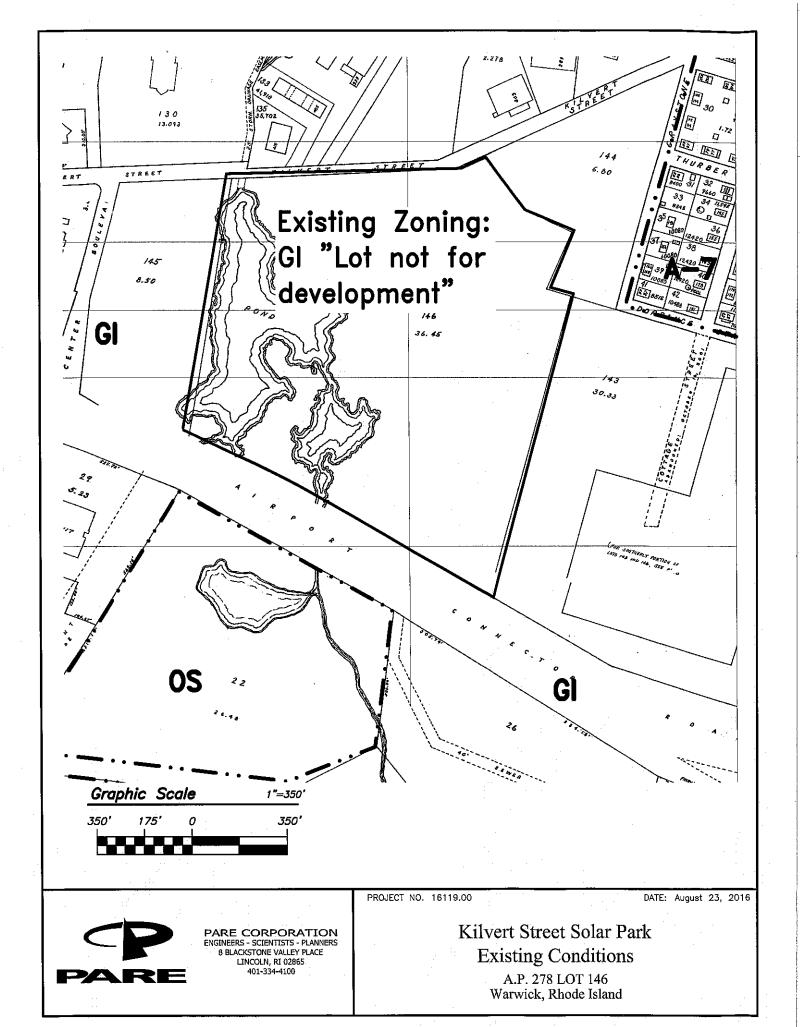
Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 144°16'09" and running northwesterly (160.90) feet;

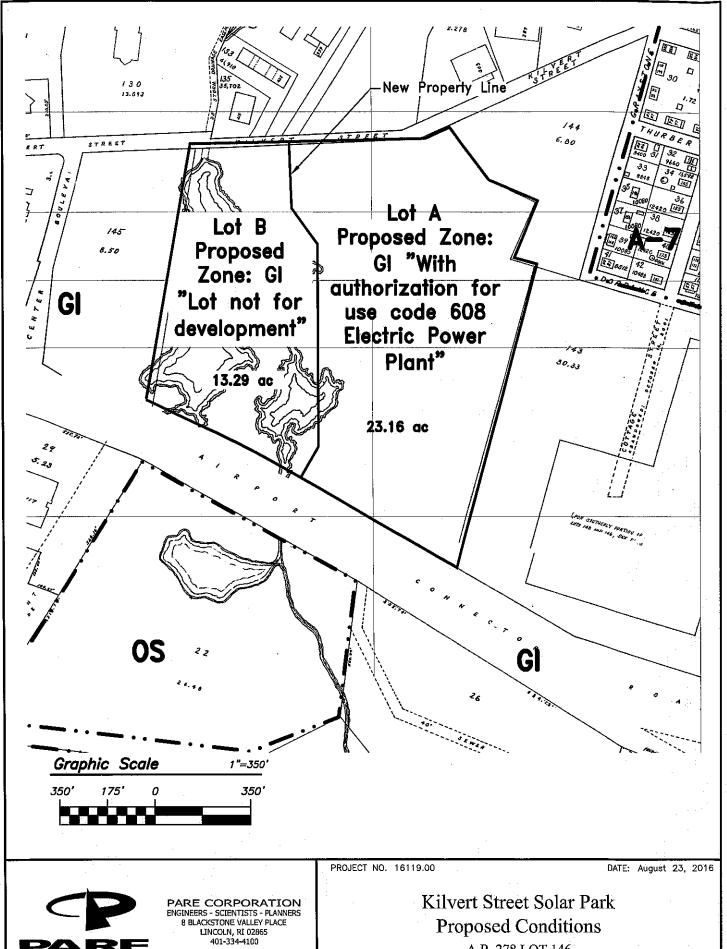
Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 213°40'00" and running northerly (243.31) feet to the southerly line of Kilvert Street;

Thence: Turning an angle to the right of 90°47'03" and running westerly along the southerly line of Kilvert Street (364.63) feet to the point and place of beginning and forming an angle to the right of 101°30'23" with the first mentioned course and containing (13.29) acres of land more or less.

Meaning and intending to describe a portion of land shown on that plan entitled:

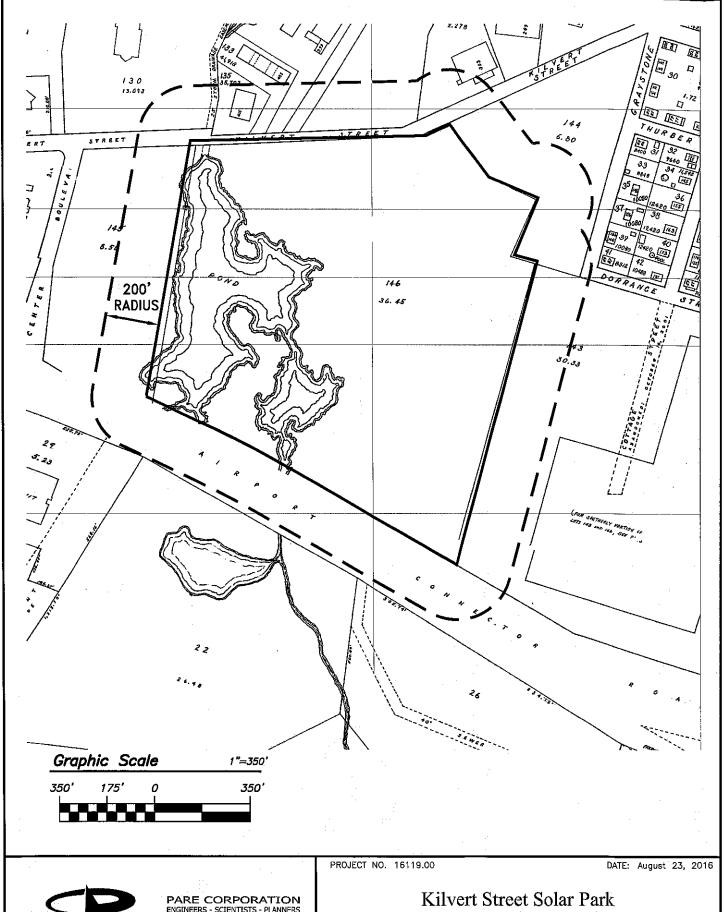
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A.P. 278 LOT 146 Warwick, Rhode Island





PARE CORPORATION ENGINEERS - SCIENTISTS - PLANNERS 8 BLACKSTONE VALLEY PLACE LINCOLN, RI 02865 401-334-4100

200-Foot Radius Map

A.P. 278 LOT 146 Warwick, Rhode Island

#### 200-FOOT ABUTTER'S LIST FOR KILVERT STREET SOLAR PARK

ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 278 / LOT NO. 146 KILVERT STREET WARWICK, RI 02886 PARE Project No. 16119.00

Date: June 1, 2016

| Parcel Address     | Plat | Lot | Owner Name                               | Owner Address                  |
|--------------------|------|-----|--|--------------------------------|
|                    |      |     |  | 399 KILVERT ST                 |
| 399 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 2   | THREE HUNDRED NINETY NINE KILVERT STREET | WARWICK , RI 02886             |
|                    |      |     |  | PROPERTY TAX DEPT              |
|                    |      |     |  | 40 SYLVAN RD                   |
| KILVERT ST         | 278  | 3   | NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC CO                 | WALTHAM , MA 02451-2286        |
|                    |      |     |  | 303 KILVERT ST                 |
| 303 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 125 | JENEET INC                               | WARWICK , RI 02886             |
|                    |      |     |  | 10 HIGH ST 11TH FLOOR          |
| 475 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 130 | ALBANY ROAD-WARWICK LLC                  | BOSTON, MA 02110               |
|                    |      |     |  | 399 KILVERT ST                 |
| KILVERT ST         | 278  | 134 | THREE NINTY NINE KILVERT ST LLC          | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | 561 NARRAGANSETT PKWY          |
| 405 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 133 | BAY COVE REALTY LLC                      | WARWICK, RI 02888-4631         |
|                    |      |     |  | 68 WINDERMERE WAY              |
| 405 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 133 | FARIA JOHN T TRUSTEE                     | WARWICK , RI 02886             |
|                    |      |     |  | 68 WINDERMERE WAY              |
| 405 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 133 | KILVERT REALTY LLC                       | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | 1643 WARWICK AVE               |
|                    |      |     |  | SUITE 187                      |
| 405 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 133 | LEONARD, DANIEL J                        | WARWICK , RI 02889             |
|                    |      |     |  | 405 F KILVERT ST               |
| 405 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 133 | FOUR HUNDRED FIVE REALTY LLC             | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | 415 KILVERT ST                 |
| 415 KILVERT ST     | 278  | 135 | A & R REALTY GROUP LLC                   | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | 745 JEFFERSON BLVD             |
| 815 JEFFERSON BLVD | 278  | 143 | GUSTAFSON BALLARD & JONES LLC            | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | C/O VINCENT A INTEGLIA ESC     |
|                    |      |     |  | 300 CENTERVILLE RD STE320 EAST |
| KILVERT ST         | 278  | 144 | GORE-KEV LLC                             | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | 300 CENTERVILLE RD             |
| METRO CENTER BLVD  | 278  | 145 | SUMMIT EWS, LLC                          | WARWICK, RI 02886              |
|                    |      |     |  | 3675 S RAINBOW                 |
|                    |      |     |  | SUITE 107-659                  |
| KILVERT ST         | 278  | 146 | WHIPPLE METCALF & BARNS LLC              | LAS VEGAS, NV 89103            |

William DePasquale, Jr., AICP Planning Director



Scott Avedisian
Mayor

#### CITY OF WARWICK

Planning Department 3275 Post Road, Annex; Warwick, RI 02886 Tel. (401) 738-2000 Ext. 6289 T.D.D. (401) 739-9150

#### MEMORANDUM Kilvert Street Solar Park

TO:

Honorable Donna Travis, Council President

Warwick City Council Members

Judy Wild, City Clerk

FROM:

William J. DePasquale, Jr. AICP

Administrative Officer

Planning Director

DATE:

September 9, 2016

SUBJECT:

Planning Board Recommendation, Request for a Zone Change

To allow for an Electric Power Plant (Use Code 608),

for the Solar Generation of Electric Power within a General Industrial Zone.

Assessor's Plat 278, Assessor's Lot 146

**APPLICANTS:** 

Whipple Metcalf & Barnes, LLC, Property Owner

Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC, Applicant

**ZONING DISTRICT:** 

General Industrial (GI)

**PROPOSED ZONE:** 

General Industrial (GI), as follows:

<u>Proposed Lot A</u>, with authorization for (Special Use Permit) <u>Use</u> <u>Code 608. Electric Power Plant</u> (limited to the solar generation of power), with a waiver from Warwick Zoning Ordinance Section 504

for less-than-required wetland setback;

And,

**Proposed Lot B**, to be designated as a "Lot Not For Development."

LAND AREA:

36.45+/-acres

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Applicant is requesting City Council approval for a modification to the existing zoning on the site (General Industrial), to allow <u>Use Code 608</u>. <u>Electric Power Plant</u>, for solar generation of electric power only, and a dimensional waiver from <u>Warwick Zoning Ordinance</u>, <u>Section 504</u> for less-than-required wetland setback.

The Applicant is proposing to subdivide one (1) existing, 36.45+/- acre parcel into two (2) new lots: one (1) 23.04 +/- acre lot (Proposed Lot A) to provide for the development of a 5.4+/- MW solar park with approximately 63 rows of photovoltaic modules for the generation of electric power; and one 13.40 +/- acre lot (Proposed Lot B) to be designated as a "Lot Not for Development."

The parcel is currently zoned General Industrial (GI). The site is located on the south side of Kilvert Street, and is bounded by industrial properties to the east, the T.F. Green Airport Connector to the south, an undeveloped lot to the west, and general industrial properties to the north. The project site is currently undeveloped. However, the site is located at the former Leviton Manufacturing facility and it is evident that most of the site has had multiple land disturbance activities. A recorded conservation easement exists within the property where said land was used as a depository for solid waste associated with remediation of the site. A number of lagoons existed that were previously excavated during site remediation activities, creating surface depressions that collect surface water during storm events.

#### FINDINGS OF THE BOARD

At the July 27, 2016 meeting of the Warwick Planning Board, this project received Master Plan Approval (copy attached).

The Planning Board found the proposed zoning amendment to be generally consistent with Article 1 "Purposes and General Statements of the City's Development Review Regulations, and:

- 1. That the proposal is generally consistent with the City of Warwick, <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> <u>2033</u>, (Comprehensive Plan), <u>Part V</u>, <u>Sustainable Systems</u> which calls for regulations to support renewable energy installations; and to choose sustainable materials, methods and practices, when possible.
- 2. That Part V, Sustainable Systems, states that "access to affordable, clean energy is critical to the City and its residents. Energy use, cost and conservation are integrally tied to many of the traditional elements of the Comprehensive Plan, including housing, transportation, economic development, community services, and natural resources...Energy conservation and efficiency are cost effective and reduce air pollution and negative impacts on other natural resources. Techniques for promoting energy demand reduction and efficiency include....the use of renewable and alternative energy sources."
- 3. That Goal 1, of <u>Part V</u>, <u>Sustainable Systems</u> states that the City shall implement practices to conserve energy and use renewable energy.
- 4. That the following municipal Department Heads and City Commissions, or their designated staff, have reviewed the proposal and have no objections or stipulations: Public

Works/Engineering, Sewer, Building, Water, Fire, Tax Assessor, Land Trust, Harbor Commission, Cemetery Commission, and Historic District Commission.

The Planning Board also found the proposed zoning amendment to be generally consistent with the following purposes of the City's Zoning Ordinance, as presented in Section 100, "Title and Purpose."

- 103.1 Promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the City.
- 103.2 Provides for a range of uses and intensities of use appropriate to the character of the City and reflect current and future needs.
- 103.3 Provides for orderly growth and development, which recognizes:
  - A.) The goals and patterns of land use contained in the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Warwick.
  - E.) The availability and capacity of existing and planned public and/or private services and facilities;
  - F.) The use of innovative development regulations and techniques.
- Promote a high level of quality in design in the development of private and public facilities.
- 103.11 Promote the implementation of the Warwick Comprehensive community plan, as amended.

#### PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION

On a motion made by Ms. Gerlach and seconded by Mr. Desmarais, the Planning Board voted seven (7) in favor, with none opposed, to forward a favorable recommendation to the Warwick City Council for the requested zone change, which shall:

- A. Retain the existing General Industrial zoning on Parcel A, and allow <u>Use Code 608.</u> <u>Electric Power Plant</u>, for solar generation of electric power only, and a dimensional waiver from <u>Warwick Zoning Ordinance Section 504</u> for less-than-required wetland setback; and,
- B. Retain the General Industrial zoning on Parcel B, with the designation that it shall continue to be a "Lot Not For Development", with the following stipulations for the parcel:
- 1. That the allowed use on proposed Parcel A, as shown on the Final Recorded Plan as approved by the Planning Board or Administrative Officer, shall be restricted to the solar generation of electric power.
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 $(\underline{https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/10/23/2013-24729/interim-policy-faa-review-of-solar-energy-system-projects-on-federally-obligated-airports)}$ 

- 9. That the Applicant shall install decorative aluminum fencing along the Kilvert Street frontage and indicate this on the Project's Landscape Plan. The color and style of the fending shall be approved by the Administrative Officer, prior to Final Approval of the Major Land Development Project.
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## CITY OF WARWICK

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August 15, 2016

Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC 117 Metro Center Boulevard, #2007 Warwick, RI 02886

Whipple Metcalf & Barns, LLC 3675 S. Rainbow Boulevard, Suite 107-659 Las Vegas, NJ 89103

RE:

Assessor's Plat 278 Assessor's Lot 146 Kilvert Street

#### Dear Applicant:

The following is the decision on your application for Master Plan Approval of a Major Land Development Project/Subdivision, heard by the Warwick Planning Board at the regularly scheduled meeting held on July 27, 2016. The proposed development consists of a 5.4+/- MW solar park for the generation of electric power, with approximately 63 rows of photovoltaic modules (solar panels), associated site improvements, and electrical utility connections. The project also requires a recommendation to the City Council to modify the existing zoning on the site to allow for <u>Use Code 608</u>. <u>Electric Power Plant</u>, for solar generation of electric power use only, and dimensional waivers from <u>Warwick Zoning Ordinance Section 504</u> for less than required wetland setback.

The proposed development includes the subdivision of one (1) existing, 36.45+/- acre parcel into two (2) new lots, one (1) 23.04 +/- acre lot to provide for the development of a solar park, and one 13.40 +/- acre lot to be designated as a "Lot Not for Development." The site is located on the south side of Kilvert Street, and is bounded by industrial properties to the east, the T.F. Green Airport Connector to the south, an undeveloped lot to the west, and general industrial properties to the north. The project site is currently undeveloped. However, the site is located at the former Leviton Manufacturing facility and it is evident that most of the site has had multiple land disturbance activities. A recorded conservation easement exists within the property where said land was used as a depository for solid waste associated with remediation of the site. A number of lagoons existed that were previously excavated during site remediation activities, creating surface depressions that collect surface water during storm events. The parcel is zoned General Industrial (GI).

After completion of the public informational meeting, for which a record was kept, the Warwick Planning Board taking into consideration its knowledge and expertise and after considering all of the representations and presentations made at the public informational meeting, found this proposal to be generally consistent with Article 1 "Purposes and General Statements" of the City's <u>Development Review Regulations</u>, and made the following findings of fact:

1. That the proposal is generally consistent with the City of Warwick, <u>Comprehensive Plan 2033</u>, (Comprehensive Plan), <u>Part V, Sustainable Systems</u> which calls for regulations to support renewable energy installations; and to choose sustainable materials, methods and practices, when possible.

That Part V. Sustainable Systems, states that "access to affordable, clean energy is critical to the City and its residents. Energy use, cost and conservation are integrally tied to many of the traditional elements of the Comprehensive Plan, including housing, transportation, economic development, community services, and natural resources... Energy conservation and efficiency are cost effective and reduce air pollution and negative impacts on other natural resources. Techniques for promoting energy demand reduction and efficiency include....the use of renewable and alternative energy sources."

That Goal 1, of <u>Part V, Sustainable Systems</u> states that the City shall implement practices to conserve energy and use renewable energy.

- 2. That the subject parcel fronts on Kilvert Street, and is identified as Assessor's Plat: 278 Assessor's Lot: 146. The development area is zoned General Industrial (GI), and consists of 36.45 +/- acres.
- 3. That <u>Use Code 608. Electric Power Plant</u>, requires a Special Use Permit (SUP) in a General Industrial (GI) zone.
- 4. That the proposal is not in compliance with the standards and provisions of the City's Zoning Ordinance therefore requiring City Council approval for the use, an Electric Power Plant for the solar generation of electricity, in a General Industrial zone, and a waiver from Warwick Zoning Ordinance, Section 504 for less-than-required wetland setback.
- 5. That the Lot is currently undeveloped. The site is located on the south side of Kilvert Street and is bounded by industrial properties to the east, the T.F. Green Airport Connector to the south, an undeveloped lot to the west, and general industrial properties to the north.
- 6. That the development of Parcel A will not result in the creation of a lot with such physical constraints to development that building on that lot according to pertinent regulations and building standards would be impracticable; Parcel B will be designated as a "Lot Not for Development."

- 7. That the Master Plan indicates a wetlands area on the site, therefore the proposal requires approval from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM). There are no indications of significant negative environmental impacts from the proposed development at the Master Plan phase.
- 8. That the proposed development possesses access to a public street, Kilvert Street.
- 9. That water is available to the site should the applicant decide to add this utility.
- 10. That there are no sewers associated with the proposed site, and currently no sewer service available. There is no sewer access proposed or required for this use.
- 11. That there is an existing, recorded (Book 341, Page 13), forty (40') foot wide sewer easement bisecting the parcel north to south.
- 12. That there is an existing 150' transmission easement with overhead transmission lines, bisecting the site southwest to northeast.
- 13. That nationalgrid submitted a letter dated, July 20, 2016, to the Board at the July 27, 2016 meeting requesting that the Applicant submit a full set of plans to the Transmission Line Engineering Department and formal written permission be obtained in order to utilize any part of the easement area.
- 14. That there are no known existing public water or gas utilities located within the parcel.
- 15. That there is a recorded conservation easement within the parcel where said land was used as a depository for solid waste associated with remediation of the site.
- 16. That the proposal has received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), a <u>Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation</u>, Aeronautical Study No. 2016-ANE-2516-OE, dated June 28, 2016.

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, on a motion by Ms. Stenhouse, seconded by Mr. Robert, the Warwick Planning Board voted unanimously to grant Master Plan approval, with the following stipulations:

- 1. That all plans shall comply with Section 3.02C of the Procedural & Technical Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Effective November 25, 2015.
- 2. That the parcel shall receive City Council approval for the use (Electric Power Plant for the solar generation of electricity, a Special Use Permit in a General Industrial zone) and a waiver for <u>Warwick Zoning Ordinance Section 504</u> for less than required wetland setback.

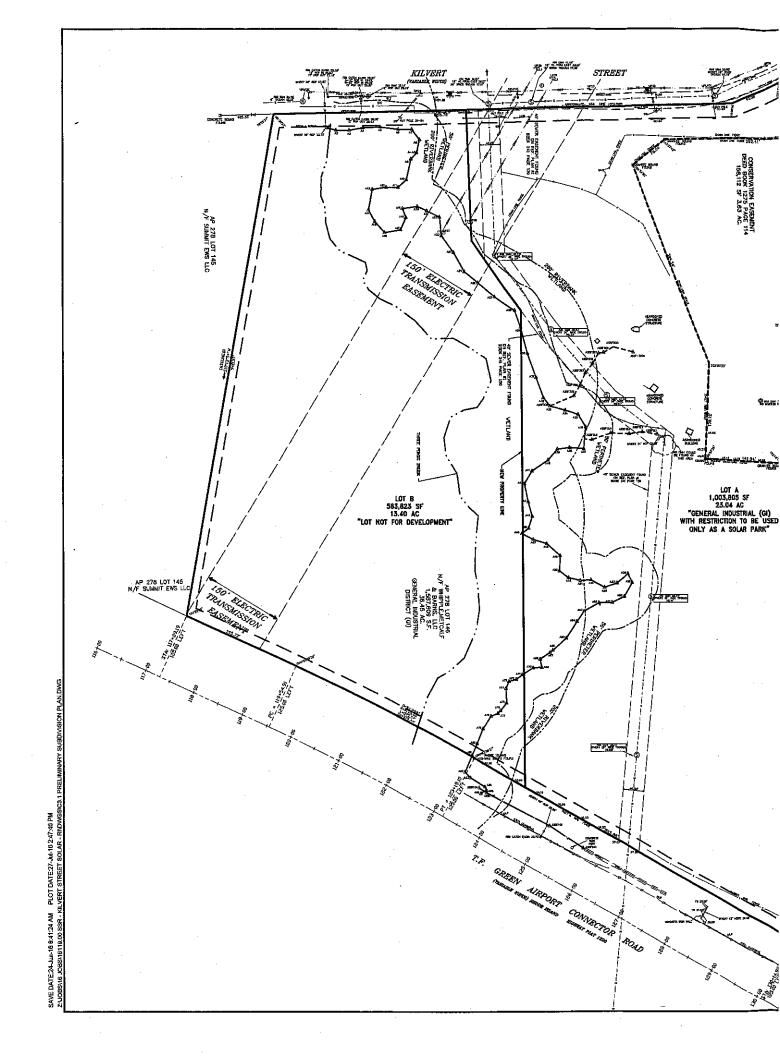
- 3. That, as part of the Final Approval, the Property Owner shall record a subdivision as per The City of Warwick's Development Review Regulations. This plan shall include a Record Plat name and Record Lot designations.
- 4. That all survey monumentation shall be set prior to the recording of the Final subdivision plan.
- 5. That a Storm Water Management Plan shall be submitted in accordance with Rhode Island Storm Water Design and Installation Standards Manual, dated December 2010, and designed to demonstrate a zero-net runoff from the proposed development.
- 6. That the Project Engineer shall meet with the City of Warwick Department of Public Works (DPW) Engineering staff to review the proposed drainage system prior to submission to Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) or Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT).
- 7. That the Operation and Maintenance Plan for the proposed stormwater collection system shall be included in the Preliminary submission.
- 8. That all necessary state permits, including but not limited to RIDEM, and RIDOT Physical Alteration Permit (PAP), shall be obtained prior to submission to the Planning Board for Preliminary approval.
- 9. That, in order to demonstrate that the proposed solar park will not result in an ocular impact that compromises the safety of the air transportation system, the Applicant shall submit a Glare Analysis, which utilizes the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) to model potential glare from the project site to ensure the location will not create glare for departing and approaching aircraft. The modeling results shall be assessed relative to the FAA's ocular hazard standards as described in its <a href="Interim Policy for Solar Projects on Airports">Interim Policy for Solar Projects on Airports</a>, (<a href="https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/10/23/2013-24729/interim-policy-faa-review-of-solar-energy-system-projects-on-federally-obligated-airports">Interim Policy-faa-review-of-solar-energy-system-projects-on-federally-obligated-airports</a>) and shall be submitted to both the FAA and RIAC. Written confirmation of "no objection" from both the FAA and RIAC shall be submitted, prior to Preliminary Approval.
- 10. That the Preliminary Plan shall indicate the proposed relocation of the storm sewer and shall be completed prior to the commencement of any other work. The Project Engineer shall submit calculations demonstrating that the proposed pipe is adequately sized to convey up to a 100 year storm event.
- 11. That the gravel access drive shall be constructed in a manner that will not impact the structural integrity of the Warwick Sewer Authority's (WSA) sewer pipe, and be able to support large trucks and sewer maintenance equipment.
- 12. That the sewer manholes shall remain intact, and there shall be clear, unimpeded access for routine and emergency WSA Operation and Maintenance (O & M) equipment.

- 13. That the Applicant shall have a pre and post construction CCTV inspection conducted of WSA's sewer line within the limit of the work and provide the WSA with video copies of said inspections.
- 14. That the Project Engineer shall provide detailed drawings related to the proposed storm drain crossing WSA's sewer line.
- 15. That a 15' wide access gate shall be installed at the Kilvert Street end of the proposed gravel access drive for WSA use.
- 16. That the Applicant shall coordinate with nationalgrid for any work within the transmission easement and determine an access point to the power grid and submit written approval from National Grid, prior to Preliminary approval.
- 17. That the Preliminary submittal shall include a Landscape Plan, prepared and stamped by a registered Rhode Island Landscape Architect. The Landscape Architect shall contact the Planning Department prior to beginning the design process. Said plan shall be subject to approval by the Administrative Officer and provide, at a minimum, substantial screening along Kilvert Street.
- 18. That the Applicant shall replace the proposed chain link fencing along the Kilvert Street frontage, with decorative aluminum fencing, and indicated this on the Landscape Plan. The color and style shall be approved by the Administrative Officer, prior to Final Approval.
- 19. That the solar park shall be maintained on a regular basis by the owner/operator and shall be cleared of debris, weeds, trash, etc. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs and maintaining the integrity of fencing. The equipment shall be maintained in good repair and working order. Malfunctioning or inoperable equipment shall be removed from the property immediately and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
- 20. That a sign shall be posted on the facility and shall display the name of the owner and or operator of the facility and provide a twenty-four (24) hour emergency contact number.
- 21. That the solar park shall not be used for displaying any advertising.
- 22. That the Applicant shall submit a detailed report of the proposed operational characteristics of the solar park, concerning the means and methods planned to minimize or avoid off-premises impacts. Said report shall include security provisions to prevent unauthorized access, emergency access provisions, security lighting, and details of any proposed identification signage.
- 23. That the clearing of natural vegetation shall be strictly limited to what is necessary for the construction, optimal operation, and maintenance of the solar park. The Applicant shall submit an Existing Condition site plan, indicating the areas of vegetation to be cleared.

- 24. That at the abandonment of the use of this solar park, all equipment shall be removed from the site, no more than six months after the date of discontinued operations. The owner/operator shall notify the building official of the proposed date of discontinued operation and plans for removal. At a minimum, decommissioning shall consist of removal of all solar park related structures, equipment, security barriers, and transmission lines from the site; disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with applicable disposal regulations; and stabilization and revegetation of the site as necessary to prevent erosion and restore the natural habitat.
- 25. That the Applicant shall post a bond, in an amount to be determined by the Administrative Officer, to provide a guarantee that the facility will be promptly removed after it reaches the end of its useful life.

Sincerely,

Philip Slocum, Chair Warwick Planning Board







SCOTT AVEDISIAN MAYOR

CITY OF WARWICK

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
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TO:

William DePasquale, Director of Planning

FROM:

Eric Hindinger - DPW Engineering

DATE:

11 July 2016

RE:

Solar Park #1 - Kilvert Street (WDPW No. 16-049)

Kilvert Street

Master Plan - Major Land Development

AP 278 / Lot 146

This office has reviewed the Master Plan submission for the Major Land Development for the referenced project and finds that the submission substantially conforms to the DPW's requirements. However, the following comments/recommendations should be incorporated into future submissions:

- 1. All plans submitted must comply with "Rules and Regulations for Professional Land Surveying in the State of Rhode Island Effective Date: November 25, 2015". All survey monumentation must be set prior to recording of the Final Subdivision Plan.
- 2. The design for the Stormwater Collection system must meet the requirements of the Rhode Island Stormwater Design and Installation Standards Manual, December 2010. Design Engineer must meet with the City of Warwick DPW Engineering Staff to review the proposed drainage system prior to submission to RI DEM or RI DOT.
- 3. The Operation and Maintenance Plan for the proposed stormwater collection system must be included in the Preliminary submission to the Planning Department.
- 4. All state permits, including but not limited to RI DEM and RI DOT Physical Alteration Permit, must be obtained prior to Preliminary Plan submission.
- 5. The plans must indicate that the proposed relocation of the storm sewer must be completed prior to commencement of any other work. In addition, the Design Engineer must submit calculations demonstrating that the proposed pipe is adequately sized to convey up to a 100-year storm event.

Please call me @ 738-2000 x6537 if you have any questions regarding this memorandum.

Note that these comments are from the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works. Other City Departments may have comments referring to this submission. Please check with the necessary agencies to ensure that all required elements have been satisfied prior to proceeding further. The DPW reserves the right to revise or revoke our comments or opinions in the event that subsequent examination reveals any data indicated on any plan, form, sketch, etc. to be incorrect or additional information is introduced that necessitates revisions.

CC: Eric Earls, City Engineer
Marcus Channell, City Surveyor
Lidia Cruz Abreu, Planning Department





#### **Warwick Sewer Authority**

125 Arthur W. Devine Boulevard
Warwick, Rt 02886
Voice: (401) 739-4949 • Fax: (401) 739-1414

To:

William DePasquale, Director of Planning

From:

Janine Burke-Wells, Executive Director

Subject:

Plan Review

Plat 278 Lot 146, Kilvert Street Solar Park

Date:

July 11, 2016

The Warwick Sewer Authority (WSA) has reviewed information presented to us for the above referenced plat(s) and lot(s) and has the following comment(s) to offer:

#### **Collection System**

- The gravel access road shall be constructed in a manner that will not impact the structural integrity of WSA's sewer pipe and be able to support large trucks and sewer maintenance equipment.
- 2. Sewer manholes shall remain intact, and there needs to be clear, unimpeded access for routine and emergency WSA operation and maintenance (O & M) equipment.
- 3. Southern Sky Renewable Energy shall have pre and post construction CCTV inspection conducted of WSA's sewer line within the limits of the work and provide the Authority with video copies of said inspections.
- 4. Provide detailed drawings related to the proposed storm drain crossing WSA's sewer line.
- 5. A 15 foot wide gate is to be installed at the Kilvert Street end of the proposed access road for WSA use.

#### **Industrial/Commercial Pretreatment Program**

1. The Industrial Pretreatment Division has reviewed the plans for the Kilvert Street Solar Park and has found them generally acceptable.

#### **Billing**

1. Sewers are available to the parcel; sewer assessment is paid in full.

The WSA reserves the right to revise or revoke our comments or opinions in the event that subsequent examination reveals any data indicated on any plan, form, sketch, etc. to be incorrect or additional information is introduced that necessitates revisions.

#### JBW/lfo

cc: Trish Reynolds, City of Warwick Planning Department
Ed Mathias, WSA IPP Inspector (401/468-4725)
John Hannon, WSA Collection System Program Manager (401/468-4721)
William Miranda, WSA Billing Office Manager (401/468-4701)
Donna Flynn, WSA Billing Specialist (401/468-4710)

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DIRECTOR & BUILDING OFFICIAL

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

From:

William D. Carosi, Plan Reviewer/Alternate Building Official

**Building Department** 

Date:

June 8, 2016

Subject:

Review/Comments to Planning Board

Project:

Major Land Development Project / Master Plan Approval

Administrative Subdivision and Recommendation for Zone Change

Assessor's Plat 278, Lot 146

Kilvert Street

Shall comply with all applicable local State and Federal regulations.

This office reserves the right to comment in the future.

## WARWICK WATER DIVISION

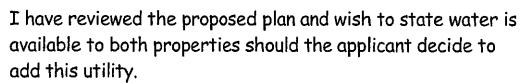
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To: Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

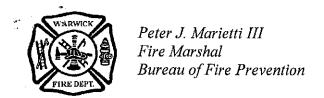
From: Daniel O'Rourke, Chief of Water Division

Date: June 8, 2016

Re: Solar Park



If you have any questions, please contact me at extension 6604.



# Memo

| To   | Trish Reynolds, Business Development Plannner   |  |
|--|---|--|
| From   | Peter J. Marietti III, Fire Marshal   |  |
| Date   | June 17, 2016   |  |
| Re   | Major Land Development Project/Master Plan Approval/Administrative  |  |
| Subdiv   | vision and Recommendation for a Zone Change; Assessor's Plat 278, Lot 146; Kilvert Street   |  |
|  | No objections at this time.   |  |
| The following minimum requirements must be provided regarding streets, roadways, turning and parking in proposed private developments and complexes: |   |  |
|  | An adequate number of fire hydrants spaced 300 Ft. apart and providing a minimum of 1000 GPM. Sprinklered buildings require a hydrant within 100 Ft. of the Fire Department Connection (FDC). |  |
|  | All two way travel lanes to have a minimum of 24 Ft. of unobstructed width and an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13'6" to allow for unimpeded access by fire apparatus.                   |  |
| $\boxtimes$  | All corners shall be negotiable by vehicles having an outer tire turning radius of 50 Ft., Left or Right.   |  |
|  | Dead-end roads longer than 150 Ft. must provide turning capabilities for fire apparatus per NFPA 1 (RIFC), 2012 Edition.  |  |
| Notes  | SEE ATTACHED PAGE 2   |  |

There shall be no architectural, landscaping or natural barriers to prevent easy access of fire apparatus.

111 Veterans Memorial Drive Warwick, RI 02886 Tel. 401-468-4050 Fax 401-468-4051



The proposed development outlined in PARE Project No. 16119.00 - MASTER PLAN NARRATIVE FOR KILVERT STREET SOLAR PARK submitted on June 6, 2016 has been reviewed and approved with the following conditions as outlined in the report:

- Two (2) proposed 12' gravel access drives from Kilvert Street and an existing sewer access road
- Electrical equipment areas and turnaround areas will be provided for maintenance vehicles, sewer and fire apparatus for both access drives
- A 8' high chain link fence is proposed with gated access from Kilvert Street and an existing sewer access road
- An Access Box (Knox or similar) will be coordinated with the Local Fire Department AHJ

The following conditions/proposals require additional information:

- Disturbed ground surface areas located between and below proposed panels will be loamed and seeded with a low maintenance grass Type of grass? Average height for the average grow season and at what height will it be a risk of ignition from the electrical system proposed? May require additional cuttings during the grow seasons.
  - a) Does the proposal meet NFPA 1:11.12.3.2\* Noncombustible Base. A gravel base or other noncombustible base acceptable to the AHJ shall be installed and maintained under and around the installation.
- A.11.12.3.2 Though dirt with minor growth is not considered noncombustible, the AHJ might approve dirt bases as long as any growth is maintained under and around the installation to reduce the risk of ignition from the electrical system. This could be a serious consideration for large ground-mounted photovoltaic systems. Not only should the base be considered under the systems, but also around the systems to the point that the risk of fire from growth or other ignition sources will be reduced.
- The chain link fence located on the west side of the project would have to be relocated so as not to infringe on the gravel access road.
- Before issuance of any permits for the project, the Warwick Fire Department will review all plans for compliance with all life safety codes and issues as outlined in NFPA 1 FIRE CODE, 2012 Edition and NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, 2011 edition: ARTICLE 690 -Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems and ARTICLE 490 Equipment, Over 600 Volts, Nominal.

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#### CITY OF WARWICK

Planning Department 3275 Post Road, Annex; Warwick, RI 02886 Tel. (401) 738-2000 Ext. 6289 T.D.D. (401) 739-9150

MEMORANDUM/Solar Park #1, Kilvert

To:

Eric Hindinger, Engineering Peter Marietti, Fire Marshal Dan O'Rourke, Water Division Bill Carosi, Building Department Tyomi Kosaka, Tax Assessor's

From:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

Date:

June 7, 2016

Subject:

Major Land Development Project

Master Plan Approval,

Administrative Subdivision,

and Recommendation for a Zone Change

Project:

Assessor's Plat 278, Lots 146

Kilvert Street

The Applicant is proposing to subdivide one (1) existing lot to create two (2) new lots; one (1) lot not for development, and one (1) lot for the development of a solar park, only. The Applicant is proposing the construction of a 5.4+-/- MW solar park with approximately 63 rows of photovoltaic modules, appurtenant electrical equipment, and site improvements. Within the recorded conservation easement area, the solar arrays will placed on ballasted supports. The arrays will not be located within the existing utility easements areas.

The site is approximately 36.45 acres and abuts industrial uses to the east, the Airport Connector to the north and south, and an undeveloped parcel to the west The site is currently undeveloped, and was originally a part of the former Leviton Manufacturing facility.

The Applicant is also seeking a recommendation to the City Council for an amendment of the existing a zoning designation as "lot not for development", to provide on a portion of the lot, exclusively for the development of a solar park.

Please review and comment on the attached plans as soon as possible, as this is a priority project for the City. Please return your comments to this office no later than June 21, 2016, in order to be able to schedule this project for the July, 2016 meeting of the Planning Board. Your comments are required so that the Planning Board may consider this development project for Master Plan approval, and make a recommendation to the City Council. Should you have no comment on the attached plan, local regulations still require that your office sign off on the project.

Mayor Avedisian cc: David Picozzi, COS Bruce Keiser

William DePasquale, Planning Director

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#### CITY OF WARWICK Planning Department 3275 Post Road, Annex; Warwick, RI 02886 Tel. (401) 738-2000 Ext. 6289 T.D.D. (401) 739-9150

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Cemetery Commission** 

FROM:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

DATE:

August 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 

Kilvert Street Solar Park, Zone Change

Tax Assessor's Plat 278 Lot 146

The Applicant, Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC, is request zone changes with waivers on the two parcels listed above to construct Solar Parks for the solar generation of electricity. Both projects require City Council approval for the use and dimensional waivers. Comments:

| 838-16<br>Date | Cemetery Commission Representative |
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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Land Trust

FROM:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

DATE:

August 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 

Kilvert Street Solar Park, Zone Change

Tax Assessor's Plat 278 Lot 146

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Land Trust / Authorized Representative



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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Harbor Commission** 

FROM:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

DATE:

August 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 

Kilvert Street Solar Park, Zone Change

Tax Assessor's Plat 278 Lot 146

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Harbor Commission / Authorized Representative



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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairperson, Historic District Commission

FROM:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

DATE:

August 25, 2016

SUBJECT:

West Shore Road Solar Park, Zone Change

Tax Assessor's Plat 346 Lots 23, 38, 39 Kilvert Street Solar Park, Zone Change

Tax Assessor's Plat 278 Lot 146

The Applicant, Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC, is request zone changes with waivers on the two parcels listed above to construct Solar Parks for the solar generation of electricity. Both projects require City Council approval for the use and dimensional waivers.

Comments:

NO COMMENTS OR CHECTORS.

Authorized Representative



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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Conservation Commission

FROM:

Trish Reynolds, Senior Planner

DATE:

August 29, 2016

**SUBJECT:** 

Kilvert Street Solar Park, Zone Change

Tax Assessor's Plat 278 Lot 146

The Applicant, Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC, is request zone changes with waivers on the two parcels listed above to construct Solar Parks for the solar generation of electricity. Both projects require City Council approval for the use and dimensional waivers.

Comments: at September 15, 2016 Meeting a motion was unanimously passed to object to this project for the following reasons:

9/15/16 Date

on Commission/Authorized Representative

1. According to site plan, The rundy from area will be discharged into the wetland and Three ponds Brack with no stormwater management.

a. Solar panels west a gravel road will affect the fonction and values of wetlends and should be removed.

3. No wildlige corrider is provided to connect The wetland area to Plat 278 Lot 144 a 6.8 acre parcel and Plat 277, lot 22 a 26.48 acre open space area.



#### CITY OF WARWICK OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK 3275 POST ROAD WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02886 TEL.(401) 738-2000, ext. 6214

FAX (401) 732-7640

SCOTT AVEDISIAN

MAYOR

JUDY WILD CITY CLERK

|   |  | Kyla Jones - Tax Co<br>Col. Stephen McCar |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | FROM:  | Judy Wild                                 | City Clerk  |  |  |  |
|   | Date:  | September 12, 20                          | 16  |  |  |  |
|   | Subject:   | Zone Change App                           | lication  |  |  |  |
|   | Subject:   | Zone Change Kilv                          | ert Street  |  |  |  |
|   | Name of A  | oplicant:                                 | Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC                   |  |  |  |
|   | Plat:<br>Lot:<br>Address:  |   | 278<br>146<br>Kilvert Street                            |  |  |  |
|   | Please review and comment on the attached application and return to the Clerk's office no later than <u>September 16, 2016</u> . Your comments are required so that the City Council may consider this application on <u>October 17, 2016</u> . Should you have "no comment" on the attached plan, you are still required to sign off on this memo with a notation that your department does not have any concerns with the application. |   |   |  |  |  |
|   | Comments   | : N                                       | o comment at this time. No<br>PD concerns at this time. |  |  |  |
|   | Date:  |   | 9/19/2016   |  |  |  |
|   | Director's s   | signature: <u>(</u>                       | L. A.m. McCoetney                                       |  |  |  |
| For use by Tax Assessor/Collector and Planning Director only (if applicable): |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|   | Assessed   | value of property:                        | Annual taxes:   |  |  |  |
|   | Appraised  | value of property:                        |   |  |  |  |



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JUDY WILD CITY CLERK

|  | Kyla Jones - Tax Coll<br>Col. Stephen McCarti |                                       |  |  |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| FROM:  | Judy Wild                                     | City Clerk                            |  |  |
| Date:  | September 12, 201                             | 16 ·                                  |  |  |
| Subject:   | Zone Change Appl                              | lcation                               |  |  |
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| Name of App  | plicant:                                      | Southern Sky Renewable Energy RI, LLC |  |  |
| Plat:<br>Lot:<br>Address:  |   | 278<br>146<br>Kilvert Street          |  |  |
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| Comments: no comment   |   |                                       |  |  |
| Date:  | <u> </u>                                      | 130/16                                |  |  |
| Director's signature: Kula Claration   |   |                                       |  |  |
| For use by Tax Assessor/Collector and Planning Director only (if applicable):  |   |                                       |  |  |
| Assessed value of property: Annual taxes:  |   |                                       |  |  |
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